

JOHN A. CHANDLER, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT
IN THE CASE OF JOHN A. CHANDLER, ADMINISTRATOR OF
GARRET S. CHANDLER, DECEASED, V. THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 8, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 6, 1904.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883, known as the Bowman Act.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. JOSEPH G. CANNON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 9386. Garrett S. Chandler v. The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Garrett S. Chandler, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

Filed March 9, 1903.

BY THE COURT.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 9386. John A. Chandler, administrator of estate of Garret S. Chandler, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case, for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 24th day of April, 1896.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 9th day of March, 1903, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 18th day of January, 1904. Moyers & Consaul appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by E. C. Brandenburg, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a resident of Oliver, in the State of Alabama; that he is the duly appointed, qualified, and acting administrator of the estate of Garret S. Chandler, deceased; that during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion said decedent resided in the county of Lauderdale, State of Alabama; that during said period the United States military forces, under proper authority, took from said decedent and converted to the use of the United States Army quartermaster stores and commissary supplies, as follows, to wit:

Taken about Nov. 1, 1864, by United States troops under command of Brig.

Gen. Edward Hatch, from the farm of Garret S. Chandler, near Rogersville, Lauderdale County, Ala.:

400 bushels of corn, at \$1 per bushel.....	\$400.00
600 pounds of meat, at 15 cents per pound	90.00
1,800 bundles of fodder, at \$2 per hundred	36.00
6 beef cattle, at \$20 each.....	120.00
60 gallons of molasses, at \$1 per gallon.....	60.00
400 pounds flour	16.00
14 hogs.....	21.00
2 saddles and bridles	30.00
7 sheep.....	14.00
Total	787.00

The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and argument of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT:

There was taken from the claimant's decedent in Lauderdale County, State of Alabama, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, property as described above, which at the time and place of taking was reasonably worth the sum of six hundred and twenty-one dollars (\$621).

No payment appears to have been made for any part thereof.

BY THE COURT.

Filed January 25, 1904.

A true copy.

Test this 5th day of February, 1904.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.